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Quo Primævus Adas temerato Fædere Numen
Læserit, et Vetitos quæ vulserit Arbore Fructus,

Unde Mali Labes, et sævæ Mortis Origo:

Cur Patriâ Amissâ, Paradisi et sede Beatâ,

Cogimur hæc errare tenus, dum tempore Pænæ

Perfecto, Exoriens astris majoribus olim

Alter Adas, reduces Nativa reponat in Arva;

Musa mihi memora, Quæ quondam per juga sacra

Nunc Sinæ, nunc Orebi, dum curat Ovile,

Pastorem primo stimulabas Carmine Mosen;

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A POEM, &c.

OF Man's first Disobedience, and the Fruit
Of that Forbidden Tree, whose Mor-
(tal Taste

Brought Death into the World, and all our Woe
With Loss of *Eden*, till one greater Man
Restore us, and regain the blissful Seat,
Sing Heav'nly Muse, That on the Secret Top
Of *Oreb*, or of *Sinai*, didst Inspire
That Shepherd, Who first taught the Chosen Seed,

*Carmine quo docuit, charam magis Omnibus Unam,
Dilectamq; Deo Gentem, Primordia Mundi,
Eq; Chao tener ut Rerum surrexerit Ordo,
Fati Arcana ferens: Vel si Tibi Vertice Sion
Jam nunc frondoso, Siloæq; silentior Amnis,
(Alluit Ille Dei, riguis Oracula Lymphis)
Grata magis fecere moram, sis inde Vocanti
Præsens Auxilium, atq; Audacibus annue Cæptis:
Scilicet Aonios Montes, humilemq; relinquam
Parnassum super ascendens; dum Versibus aptis
Aggredior, nulli Veterum tentata Poetæ.
Tuq; O Magne Deus, Qui Pectus criminis Experts,
Præponis Solido structis de Marmore Templis,
Tu dic, Namq; Potes; Tu Præsens tempore ab omni
Diceris expansis alis, de more Columbae,
Fæcundum fecisse Chaos: Tu, quæ mihi circum
Caligat Mentem, dispellas Lumine Nubem.
Argumentum Ingens! Mihi sit nil futile, & illo.
Indignum*

In the Beginning how the Heav'ns and Earth
Rose out of *Chaos*: Or if *Sion Hill*

Delight thee more, and *Siloa's Brook* that Flow'd
Fast by the Oracle of God; I thence

Invoke thy aid to my Adventrous Song,

That with no middle Flight intends to Soar

Above th' *Aonian Mount*, While it Pursues

Things unattempted yet, in Prose or Rhime.

And chiefly Thou, O Spirit, That dost Prefer

Before all Temples th' upright Heart and pure,

Instruct me, for Thou know'st; Thou from the first

Wast present, and with mighty Wings outspread,

Dove-like sat'st Brooding on the Vast Abyss,

And mad'st it Pregnant: What in me is Dark

Illumin, what is Low, Raise and Support;

That to the Highth of this great Argument,

I may assert Eternal Providence,

And justify the Ways of God to Men.

Say

Indignum, Inceptisq; pares mihi suffice vires;

Sic Tua, Magne Pater, Consulta Æterna repandam,

Mortalésq; Regi, iustâ sub Lege docebo.

Dic primùm, neq; quid Cæli sive ardua supra

Sydera, sive imo Baratbro, & Caligine mersum

Te latet, Humani Generis quæ Causa Parentes,

Heu! tam felici Rerum statione Beatos,

Securósq; favore Dei, contemnere Numen

Impulerit; cur Præceptis parere recusent?

An quia terrarum Dominos, Lex una coercet?

Heu! Cujus cæpere malo desciscere suasu?

Principio Infidiis & blandis credula dictis,

Victa est Eva Parens, Satanæ; quo tempore primùm

Æthereis Campis, atq; alto pulsus Olympo,

Vindictamq; Iramq; suo sub corde coquebat.

Namq; animo fidens, fretusq; rebellibus armis

Cælicolùm, longèq; putans excellere Cunctos

Æquales,

Say first, for Heav'n hides nothing from thy view,
Nor the deep Tract of Hell, say first, what Cause
Mov'd our Grand Parents in that happy State,
Favour'd of Heav'n so highly, to fall off
From their Creator, and transgress his Will
For one Restraint, Lords of the World besides?
Who first seduc'd them to that foul Revolt?
Th' Infernal Serpent; He it was, whose Guile
Stir'd up with Envy and Revenge, deceiv'd
The Mother of Mankind, what time his Pride
Had cast him out from Heav'n, with all his Host
Of Rebel-Angels, by whose Aid aspiring
To set himself in Glory above his Peers,
He trusted to have equal'd the most High,

Æquales, ipsiq; Deo (si fortè resistat)

Incessisse parem, per Cælos irrita Bella

Moverat, affectans nequicquam Regna Deorum :

At Pater Omnipotens, de Cælo fulmine acuto

Præcipitem, Vastâq; ruinâ ad Tartara Victor

Deturbârat, ibi post terga Adamante revinctum

Ignibus urgeri rapidis & vindice pænâ :

Usq; adeò furor est, in Bellum poscere Numen.

Quo Soles Noctesq; novem Mortalibus ægris,

Volvantur spatio, Flammarum in gurgite vasto

Cum sociis jacuit, Fundoq; revolvitur imo

Attonitus, neq; enim Cælestia Corpora possunt

Omnino. extinguï, aut avertere Morte Dolorem;

Sed sua majores in pænas fata reservant.

Es nunc ille memor Cæli, Sortisq; prioris

Nunc Infelicem Casum, Pænasq; futuras

Mente

If he oppos'd; and with Ambitious Aim,
Against the Throne and Monarchy of God,
Rais'd Impious War in Heav'n, and Battle proud,
With vain Attempt. Him the Almighty Power
Hurl'd Headlong Flaming from the Ethereal Sky,
With Hideous Ruin and Combustion down
To Bottomless Perdition, There to Dwell
In Adamantine Chains and Penal Fire;
Who durst defie the Omnipotent to Arms.

Nine times the Space that measures Day and
(Night
To Mortal Men, He with his horrid Crew
Lay Vanquisht, Rowling in the Fiery Gulf
Confounded though Immortal: But his Doom
Reserv'd him to more Wrath; for now the Thought
Both of Lost Happiness and Lasting Pain

*Mente suâ versat miserâ vice, lumina circum
Torquens, discordes animi testantia motus,
Horrorem, invictumq; Odium, Fastumq; Metumque.
Cælicolûm inde Oculi quàm longè cernere possunt,
Prospectat latè Regionem, atq; undiq; vidit
Speluncam horrendam, circum candente favillâ
Ardentem, totamq; accendit Livida Flamma :
Nec tamen hæc aliam præbent incendia Lucem,
Quàm quæ Monstra Loci, furias, variasq; Dolorum
Detegat, & Pænæ Facies, Spectacula dira.
Pax, & grata Quies, & quæ venit Omnibus æqua,
Spes venit hîc nunquam ; sed semper dira novantur
Supplicia & Gemitus : Sævitas Noctesq; Diesq;
Igneus Æterno nutritus Sulphure Torrens.
Has Pater Omnipotens sedes, hæc Regna paravit
Justitiâ Æternâ, Talisq; Rebellibus istis
Carcer erat, Tenebris horrens & Luce remotus
Ter tantum, quantum distat Polus alter ab Arcto:*

Torments Him ; round he throws his baleful Eyes
That witness'd huge Affliction and Dismay.

Mix'd with obdurate Pride, and stedfast Hate:

At once as far as Angels kenn he views

The Dismal Scituation, Waste and Wild ;

A Dungeon horrible, on all sides round,

As one great Furnace Flam'd; Yet from those Flames

No Light, but rather Darknes visible

Serv'd only to discover Sights of Woe,

Regions of Sorrow, doleful Shades, where Peace

And Rest can never dwell, Hope never comes,

That comes to all ; but Torture without end

Still urges, and a Fiery Deluge, fed

With ever-burning Sulphur unconsum'd :

Such Place Eternal Justice had prepar'd

For those Rebellious, here their Prison ordain'd

In utter Darknes, and their Portion set

As far remov'd from God and Light of Heav'n,

As

Heu ! quàm dissimilis Cæli, quibus excidit, Astris !

Hic Socios miseri Casus , torrente volutos

Sulphureo, aut sursum Flammarum turbine raptos

Protinus agnovit ; juxta latus aspicit unum

Viribus, Imperioq; sibi Culpâq; secundum ;

Perq; Palæstinam post plurima secula notum,

Nomine Belzebub ; cui fatus Maximus Hostis

Audaci Satanas sermone Silentia rupit.

Si tu forte, Ille es ; sed quàm mutatus ab Illo,

Cujus per Lucis nuper felicia Regna,

Mille (tamen claros) præluxit Gloria Divos,

Largior et Radius, quàm cætera Numina, vestîr ;

Si sis Ille mihi quem mutua Fœdera dudam

Unum Concilium, Spes et Commune Peric' lum

Jungebant Comitem, nunc Infortunia jungunt

Arctius , atq; unâ merferunt Fata ruinâ

Quâ sedē excussit, quantâ jaceamus Abyssa,

Heu !

As from the Center thrice to th' utmost Pole.
O how unlike the Place from whence they fell!
There the Companions of his Fall, o'erwhelm'd
With Floods and Whirlwinds of Tempestuous Fire,
He soon discerns, and weltring by his Side
One next himself in Power, and next in Crime,
Long after known in *Palestine*, and nam'd
Belzebub. To whom th' Arch-Enemy,
And thence in Heaven call'd Satan, with bold words,
Breaking the horrid Silence, thus began.

If Thou beest He; but O how fall'n! How chang'd
From him, who in the happy Realms of Light,
Cloath'd with transcendent brightness didst out-shine
Myriads though bright: If he whom mutual League,
United Thoughts and Counsels, equal Hope
And Hazard in the Glorious Enterprize.
Joyn'd with me once, now Misery hath joyn'd
In equal Ruin: Into what Pit thou seest
From

*Heu! cernis, cernensq; doles; adèo Ille valebat
Fulminibus Victor; sed Quis tunc crederet? Heu nunc
Seriùs experti quid Tela Illa impia possunt;
At non idcirco, nec si, quod et insuper addat,
Forsan habet, nondum Saturatus corda furorem;
Aut piget, aut mutor, quamquam mutatus et ora,
Et Decus externum; Nam justa Superbia mentem
Immotam servat, Meritiq; Injuria spreti.
Quâ super accensus, justâq; animatus ab irâ,
Omnipotentem ausus Bello contendere contra
Cælicolum innumeras ducebam in Prælia Turmas:
Illa aversatæ tam longi Sceptra Tyranni,
Et me conatæ superis præponere Regnis
Haud injusta parant per magnum Prælia Cælum;
Dum tandem dubio pugnantes Marte, Timentis
Concussere Thronum. Quid si Victoria cessit
Hostibus? Haud toti occidimus; non victa Voluntas,
Non Animus, Studium aut Litis; non vindicis Ira
Immor-*

From what Height fall'n, so much the stronger prov'd
He with his Thunder: And till then who knew
The Force of those Dire Arms? Yet not for those,
Nor what the Potent Victor in his Rage,
Can else inflict, do I Repent or Change,
Though chang'd in outward Lustre; that fixt Mind
And high Disdain, from Sence of Injur'd Merit,
That with the Mightiest rais'd me to Contend,
And to the fierce Contention brought along
Innumerable Force of Spirits Arm'd,
That durst Dislike his Reign, and me Preferring,
His utmost Power with adverse Power oppos'd
In dubious Battle on the Plains of Heaven,
And shook his Throne. What tho' the Field be lost?
All is not lost; the unconquerable Will,
And study of Revenge, Immortal Hate,

*Immortalis Amor, vel Virtus nescia flecti.
Nunquam, extorta Mihi, Victorem ea Gloria tollet,
Prostratum flecti ante pedes, veniamq; rogare
Supplicibus genibus, Dominumq; vocare Potentem,
Quem modo suspensum de Regno, hæc Dextra tenebat.
Id foret Indignum, Casuq; hoc turpius ipso,
Præsentemq; infra Sortem. Quam nulla perire
Fata sinunt Divum factas puro Æthere Formas,
Quum Vigor hic noster nunquam decrescere possit,
Quum non peiores Armis, bellisq; gerendis,
Sed magis expertas rerum hic Nos Exitus ingens
Reddiderit; certum est (posthac melioribus opto
Aspiciis) sine fine geri implacabile Bellum;
Seu vi, siue dolo, donec successibus Hostem
Frangamus, qui nunc Cælorum Victor Habenas
Solut habet, nostris lætatus corda Triumphis.*

And Courage never to submit or yield :
And what is else not to be overcome ?
That Glory never shall his Wrath or Might
Extort from me. To bow and sue for Grace
With Suppliant Knee, and Deifie his Power,
Who from the Terror of this Arm so late
Doubted his Empire, That were low indeed,
That were an Ignominy and shame beneath
This downfal ; since by Fate the strength of Gods,
And this Empyreal Substance cannot fail,
Since through Experience of this great Event
In Arms not worse, in Foresight much advanc'd,
We may with more successful hope resolve
To wage by Force or Guile Eternal War
Irreconcilable, to our grand Foe,
Who now Triumphs, and in th'Excess of Joy
Sole Reining holds the Tyranny of Heav'n.

Angelus hæc effatus Apostata mente dolores
 Comprimit Ingentes, Spem fictâ fronte serenat;
 Hisq; Illum subitò Comes audax Vocibus Infit.

O Princeps, ô Spirituum Fortissime Ductor,
 Sub quo Divorum instructas prodire Phalanges
 Cernere erat; quiq; extremis interrimus Ausis
 Perpetuum Cæli dux'ti in Discrimina Regem,
 Dum Bello ancipiti tentas, quo jure Supremum
 Huc usq; Imperium, Casu, fatône teneret,
 An forsan Virtute suâ Dextrâq; Potente.
 Qui fuit Eventus, nimium meminisse necesse est;
 Franguntur Vires, per Tartara nigra frequentes
 Sternimur, & Stygias Inhonestâ clade Paludes,
 Perdidimusq; Polos; totusq; Exercitus ingens
 His (quantum Divi poterant) periêre sub Umbris.
 Nam quamvis extincta jacet, Sortisq; prioris
 Luctibus Æternis hîc obruta Gloria cessit,
 Mens tamen invicta est, Animûsq; & Spiritus idem
 Per-

So spake the Apostate-Angel, though in Pain,
Vaunting aloud, but Rack'd with deep Despair :
And him thus answer'd soon his bold Compeer.

O Prince, O Chief of many Throned Powers,
That led th'Imbatell'd Seraphim to War
Under thy Conduct, and in dreadful Deeds
Fearless, endanger'd Heav'ns Perpetual King;
And put to Proof his High Supremacy,
Whether upheld by Strength, or Chance, or Fate,
Too well I see and rue the Dire Event,
That with sad Overthrow, and Foul Defeat
Hath lost us Heav'n, and all this Mighty Host
In Horrible Destruction laid thus low,
As far as Gods and Heav'nly Essences
Can Perish : For the Mind and Spirit remains
Invincible, and Vigour soon returns,
Though all our Glory Extinct, and happy State
Here swallow'd up in Endless Misery.

Permanet, & Subitò rediens Vigor Igneus ardet.

*Quid verò, si forte Deus, posse Omnia Quem nunc
Invitus credo (sed enim confundere Vires*

Quis minor haud valuit Nostras) si fortè reliquit

Hanc nobis Virtutem Animi, Mentisq; vigorem,

Quò magis infandos duremus ferre Labores,

Sufficere Æternùm longæ possimus & Iræ?

An mavult Servos & Belli jure Subactos

Hic servire, manus poscant quicunq; Labores?

Seu nova, cum desint, Orci formare Caminis

Fulmina, seu facere horrendas, quæ jussa per Umbras.

Quid juvat invictas nondum subsidere Vires,

Non Animos, vel quid si Fato Ducimus Ævum

Æternum, Pænis per sæcula cuncta Novatis.

Maximus huic subitò respondet Talia Dæmon.

O meritò infelix, ullo si pondere fessa

Mens labet, atq; malis Animus tuus, Angele, cedat;

Seu quid agis, seu quid patiare; sed hæc mea dicta

Nunc

But what if He our Conquerour (whom I now
Of Force believe Almighty, since no Less
Than such cou'd have o're-power'd such Force as
Ours)

Hath left Us this our Spirit, and Strength Intire
Strongly to Suffer and Support our Pains,
That we may so suffice his Vengeful Ire,
Or do him mightier Service as his Thralls
By Right of War, whate're his Business be
Here in the Heart of Hell to work in Fire,
Or do his Errands in the Gloomy Deep;
What can it then avail, though yet we feel
Strength undiminisht, or Eternal Being
To undergo Eternal Punishment?

Whereto with speedy Words th' Arch-Fiend re-
ply'd.

Fall'n Cherub, to be Weak is Miserable
Doing or Suffering: But of this be sure,

To

*Nunc animis imòq; memor sub corde reponas.
Quid fecisse Boni, non nos ea cura manebit ;
Sed Dolus et mala Fraus, et noxia Crimina Cordi,
Et quæ Divinæ fiant contraria Menti
Nobis semper erunt; Quocirca Providus ille
E nostris si fortè Malis producere tentet
Quæ Bona, nos manet iste labor pervertere finem ;
Eq; Bonis, semen semper reperire Malorum.
Quæ si succedant (et si rectè auguror, olim
Succedent) altam poterunt urbare Quietem,
Cunctaq; confundent ; nec quod jam quod pectore secum
Versat, fortè unquam factum Fortuna sequetur.
At rediêre (vides) Vindictæ Iræq; Ministri
Ad Cælum celeres, magno Victore jubente.
Nunc & Sulphureo displosus grandine Nimbus
Desavit, ripas inter fluit Igne quieto,
Qui nos præcipites Cæliq; ex arce ruentes,
Accepit tumidus Flammis torrentilus, Amnis :*

Nunc

To do ought Good Never will be our Task,
But Ever to do Ill our sole Delight,
As being the contrary to His High Will,
Whom we Resist. If then His Providence
Out of our Evil seek to bring forth Good,
Our Labour must be to Pervert that End,
And out of Good still to find Means of Evil,
Which oft-times may Succeed ; so as perhaps
Shall grieve Him, if I fail not, and disturb
His Inmost Counsels from their Destin'd Aim.
But see the Angry Victor hath recall'd
His Ministers of Vengeance, and Pursuit
Back to the Gates of Heav'n : The Sulphurous Hail
Shot after Us in Storm, o'reblown hath laid
The Fiery Surge, that from the Precipice
Of Heaven receiv'd Us falling ; and the Thunder.

Nunc tonitru candens, alataq; fulgure Tela
Fulmina nunc cessant, exhaustis fortè Pharetris,
Per tristes magis Umbras, Noctemq; Profundam.
Sive ex contempta, Nos ultra argere jacentes
Desistit; sive Ira gravis saturata recessit,
Seu quæcumq; dedit melior Fortuna Quietem,
Utamur.

Cernis ibi mæstum vastæ, se extendere Campum
Planitie, cui vix tenebrosas dimover Umbras
Lividus hic Torrens, quasi sera crepuscula spargens;
Illac Nos Verramus iter; paulumq; remoti
Fluctibus his, tumidoq; hujus Torrentis ab æstu,
In requie, si forsan habet Locus iste quietem,
Corpora curemas semivivæ, agitataq; membra.
Exinde in Cærum revocatis undiq; Turmis,
In medio consulemas, quibus artibus Hostem
Infesti vexare, quibus res sistere lapsas,
Quove modo tantos possimus vincere casus:

Incen,

Wing'd with Red Lightning, and Impetuous Rage,
Perhaps hath spent his Shafts, and ceases now
To bellow through the Vast and Boundless Deep.
Let us not slip the Occasion, whether Scorn,
Or Sate Fury yield it from Our Foe.

Seest Thou yon dreary Plain, Forlorn and Wild,
The Seat of Desolation, void of Light,
Save what the Glimmering of these Livid Flames
Cast Pale and Dreadful? Thither let Us tend
From off the Tossing of these Fiery Waves;
There rest, if any rest can harbour There;
And re-assembling our Afflicted Powers,
Consult how we may henceforth most Offend
Our Enemy, our own loss how repair,
How overcome this Dire Calamity,

*Incendant fi fortè novæ spem pectore vires,
Vel desperatis quæ fit sententia Rebus.*

*Sic inter tumidos arrectus pectora Pluctus
Affatur Socium Satanas, suffectus & Igne*

*Sanguinéq; ardentés Oculos : Pars cætera Pontum
Ingens ponè legit, liquidos fluitâtq; per ignes,*

*Jugèribus porrecta novem; Titania Bello
Qualia Monstra Jovem fingunt petiiffe Poetæ,*

*Enceladum atq; Typhæa, tenet quem nigra jacentem
Antiqua Inarime, flammisq; impôsta coerçet.*

*Qualis Leviathan, quo nullum majus in undis
Prodigium, quotquot fluctus immania tranant :*

*Illum Sarmaticis sopitum forsan in undis
Cum vidit laceræ Nocturnus Návita Cymbæ,*

*Istum se vidiffe putat ; tum tutus ab omni
Ventorum accessu, lateri applicat ipse carinam,*

*Fixâq; squamoso stabilem tenet Anchora tergo :
Nox fusca investit Pontum, lucémq; retardat.*

What Reinforcements We may gain from Hope
If not, what Resolutions from Despair,

Thus *Satan* talking to his nearest Mate
With Head up-lift above the Wave, and Eyes
That sparkling Blaz'd, his other Parts besides
Prone on the Flood, Extended long and large
Lay Floating many a Rood; in Bulk as huge
As whom the Fables name of Monstrous Size,
Titanian, or *Earth-born*, that Warr'd on *Jove*,
Briareos, or *Typhon*, whom the Den
By Ancient *Tarsus* held; or that Sea-beast
Leviathan, which God of all his Works,
Created hughest that Swim th' Ocean Stream:
Him haply slumbring on the *Norway* Foam
The Pilot of some small Night-Founder'd Skiff,
Deeming some Island, oft as Seamen tell,
With fixed Anchor in his Scaly Rind,
Moors by his Side under the Lee, while Night
Invests

*Sic super ardentem taliq; extenditur Annem
Mole, catenatus transfixo Fulmine Satan ;
Nec Caput indè unquam valuisset tollere sursum,
Sed Pater Omnipotens dederat posse indè vagari,
Consiliiq; vacare Malis, &nectere Fraudes :
Ut meditans mala multa aliis, frustratus inani
Spe foret, invidiâq; angens fera corda, videret
Fraude ejus Peccantem Hominem, quàm larga ma-
(nebat
Et venia, & Favor, & miserantis Gratia Cæli,
Et Bonitas Æterna : Sibi pro talibus Ausis,
Majores irâ geminari vîndice Pœnas.
Protinus è stagno vastâ se mole movebat,
Ingens, erectus: Flammarum utrinq; repulsi
Spicati cedunt Apices, æstûsq; dehiscens
Fundum aperit candens : Medio patet horrida vallis.
Tunc sublimis iter tardo per inane volatu
Tendit,*

Invests the Sea, and wish'd Morn delays:
So stretcht out huge in Length the Arch-Fiend lay
Chain'd on the Burning Lake, nor ever thence
Had ris'n, or heav'd his Head, but that the Will
And High Permission of All-Ruling Heaven
Left him at large to his own dark Designs,
That with reiterated Crimes he might
Heap on himself Damnation, while he fought
Evil to others, and Enrag'd, might see
How all his Malice serv'd but to bring forth
Infinite Goodness, Grace and Mercy shewn
On Man by him Seduc'd, but on himself
Treble Confusion, Wrath and Vengeance pour'd.
Forthwith upright he Rears from off the Pool
His mighty Stature; on each Hand the Flames
Driv'n backward slope their pointing Spires, and
In Billows, leave i'th' midst a horrid Vale. (rowl'd
Then with Expanded Wings He steers his Flight
That

Tendit, & insolito tenebrosum Pondere pressit :

Mox plantæ tetigere solum, campôq; residit ,

Si campum dixisse potes, quod semper ab igne

Candebat solido , sicut Lacus igne fluente :

Qualia, cum ruptis, Tempestas sæva Cavernis,

Fragmina transportat concusso avulsa Peloro,

Aut Ætnæ lateri, cui sublimata Furore

Viscera concipiunt ignem, nudatâq; Fundum

Ostendunt, carbone ardens, piceoq; vapore :

Teter Odor, Fumûsq; involvunt omnia circum.

Impia tale solum Satanæ vestigia læsit,

Quem juxta sequitur socius : Dum jactat uterq;

Se virtute Suâ , & Divûm redeunte vigore,

Sulphureum evasisse Lacum, Stygiâmq; Paludem :

Dementes ! Deus ipse videt, permittit & ultro.

*Hic Locus ! hæc Regio ! quibus heu ! mutare
(necesse est*

Æthereas Sedes ! Aureas hoc Carcere Turres !

Tristi-

Aloft, Incumbent on the Dusky Air
That felt unusual Weight, till on Dry Land
He Lights, if it were Land that ever burn'd
With Solid, as the Lake with Liquid Fire ;
And such appear'd in Hue, as when the Force
Of Subterranean Wind Transports a Hill
Torn from *Pelorus*, or the shatter'd Side
Of Thundring *Ætna*, whose Combustible
And Fewel'd Entrails thence conceiving Fire,
Sublim'd with Mineral Fury, aid the Winds,
And leave a singed Bottom, all Involv'd
With Stench and Smoak : Such resting found the Sole
Of Unblest Feet. Him follow'd his next Mate,
Both Glorying to have Scap'd the *Stygian* Flood
As Gods, and by their own Recover'd Strength,
Not by the Sufferance of Supernal Power.

Is This the Region, This the Soil, the Clime,
Said then the lost Arch-Angel, This the Seat
E That

Tristibus his Tenebris Jacundi Lumina Cæli!

Infelix clamat Satanas; paulumq; moratus,

Esto; sic nobis melius; quando Ille Supremus

Judex & Victor, Justum nunc imperet esse

Quod velit, Arbitrio disponens fasq; Nefasq;

Tanto igitur melius, Quanto semotius Illo,

Qui Ratione pares Multos, Vi non habet Ullos.

Æternum valeant Cæli; Læta Arva valete

Gaudia quæ diffusa tenent; Salvete Tenebræ

Vos tristes Salvete Umbrae, Tuque, Orce profunde:

Ecce novus vestris succedit sedibus Hospes,

Cui neq; vel mutanda Loco, vel Tempore Mens est.

Cuiq; Locus sua Mens: In Cælis Tartara fingit,

Si malè contenta est; inq; Orco, si bene, Cælos.

Quid refert Ubi sim, si sim, Quem me decet esse,

Idem, Immutatus, Quemq; uni sola valebant

Fulmina Cælicolam Regi fecisse Secundum.

Hic saltem Rerum liber Status, Omnipotentis,

That we must change for Heav'n, this mournful
(Gloom

For that Celestial Light? Be it so, since He

Who now is Sov'reign can dispose and Bid

What shall be Right: Farthest from him is best

Whom Reason hath Equal'd Force hath made Su-
(preme

Above his Equals. Farewel happy Fields

Where Joy for Ever Dwells: Hail Horrors, hail

Infernal World, and thou Profoundest Hell

Receive thy new Possessor: One who brings

A Mind not to be chang'd by Place or Time.

The Mind is its own Place, and in it self

Can make a Heav'n of Hell, a Hell of Heav'n.

What matter where, if I be still the same,

And what I should be, all but less than He

Whom Thunder hath made greater? Here at least

We shall be free; The Almighty hath not built

Hic certè Domus, invidiæ minus obvia, surgat :

Nos Secura manent has saltem regna per Umbras :

Et regnare juvat quamquam sub Tartara, præstat

Arbiter esse Erebi, quàm vilis Servus Olympi.

Quorsum igitur fidos Comites, Sortisque Sodales,

Tam longæ patimur potare Oblivia Lethes,

Attonitosq; jacere super liventia stagna?

In nova Præsentis cur non Consortia Regni,

Et Fortunarum (fuerint quæcunq;) ciomus?

Cur non tentamus Turmis nova Bella resectis,

Sive quid in Cælis redimatur forsitan Armis

Sen quid restat adhuc, quod nos perdamus in Orco?

Talia fatus erat Satanas, cum talia cæpit

Belzebub; ó Cælestis, Dux magne Cohortis,

Quos turbare fugâ, Duroq; evertere Bello

Non alius valuit, quàm Qui valet Omnia, si nunc

Vox illis audita foret, Quæ pignore vivo,

Semper in extremis firmabat Pectora Rebus;

Quæ

Here for his Envy, will not drive us hence:

Here we may Reign secure, and in my Choice

To Reign is worth Ambition, though in Hell:

Better to Reign in Hell, than Serve in Heav'n.

But wherefore let we then our Faithful Friends,

Th' Associates and Copartners of our Loss

Lye thus astonish'd on th' Oblivious Pool,

And call them not to share with Us their Part

In this Unhappy Mansion, or once more

With Rallied Arms to try what may be yet

Regain'd in Heav'n, or what more Lost in Hell?

So *Satan* spake, and him *Beelzebub*

Thus answer'd: Leader of those Armies bright,

Which but th' Omnipotent none could have foil'd,

If once they hear that Voice, their liveliest Pledge

Of Hope in Fears and Dangers, heard so oft

In worst Extreame, and on the perilous edge

Of

*Quæ toties audita olim, quando aspera Pugna
Altiùs assurgens majora pericula circum
Miscuit, in cunctis felix assultibus Omen;
Exciti agnoscent signum, Cunctiq; repente
Imperio tanto vires et Bella resument :
Nunc licet attonitos, tam vasto ex Æthere Casu
(Dudum Nos ipsi) versari in gurgite cernis
Sulphureo, et totam consterni clade Paludem.*

*Vix hæc ediderat ; Satanus se littora versus
Ingenti mole et Furiatâ mente ferebat ;
Cui latos humeros magno circumtegit Orbe
Suspensum Clypeum ; quod mixto ex æthere firmam
Temperiem accipiens, vastog; Umbone rotundum
Ardebat latè, Phœbeæ Lampadis instar ;
Quamprocul ex alto sublimis vertice montis
Suspicit Astronomus primo sub vespere Thuscus,
Inq; Globo lucente novas se ostendere Terras
Miratur, Montesq; altos Fluviosq; sonantes :*

Quanta

Of Battle when it Rag'd, in all Assaults
Their surest Signal, they will soon resume
New Courage, and Revive, though now they lie
Groveling and Prostrate on yon Lake of Fire,
As we e're while astounded and amaz'd,
No wonder fall'n such a pernicious Height.

He scarce had ceas'd when the Superiour Fiend
Was moving towards the Shoar; his ponderous Shield
Ethereal Temper, massy, large and round,
Behind him cast; the broad Circumference
Hung on his Shoulders like the Moon, whose Orb
Through Optick Glass the Tuscan Artist views
At Ev'ning from the Top of *Fesole*,
Or in *Valdarno*, to descry new Lands,
Rivers or Mountains in her spotty Globe.

Quanta ratem mediis, nunc Malum^s, dirigit undis,
Quæ modò per montes surgebat maxima Pinus,
Tale hastile fuit (parvis componere Magna
Si fas) quo gressus regit, & vestigia firmat
Carbones super ignitos; circumq; supraq;
In latus, inq; Caput gradientis cuspide torto
Vibrantur Flammæ, totûsq; involvitur æstu:
Infelix! non sic calcabat sydera dudum.
Sed tamen et tantos potuit perferre dolores;
Cumq; stetit juxtà Flammantis littora Ponti,
Evocat inde acies fusas, Cælestia dudum
Numina, et attonitas Legiones voce sonora
Suscitat, ut stagno circum jacuere frequentes:
Quàm multæ umbrosas subter labentia sylvas
Flumina consternunt, Autumni tempore, Frondes,
Quàm multus fluitat per spumea littora carex,
Cum nimbis furit, et vento violentus Orion
Vexat Erythræum latè Mare, per quod agentem
Per

His Spear, to equal which the tallest Pine
Hewn on *Norwegian* Hills, to be the Mast
Of some great Admiral, were but a Wand,
He walkt with to support uneasy Steps
Over the burning Marle, not like those Steps
On Heav'n's Azure, and the Torrid Clime
Smote on him sore besides, vaulted with Fire;
Nathless he so endur'd, till on the Beach
Of that Inflamed Sea, He stood and call'd
His Legions, Angel Forms, who lay intrans'd
Thick as Autumnal Leaves that strow the Brooks
In *Vallombrosa*, where the *Etrurian* Shades
High over-Arch'd Imbowr; or scatter'd Sedge
Afloat, when with fierce Winds *Orion* Arm'd
Hath vext the Red-Sea Coast, whose Waves o'r-
(threw
Bufris and his *Memphian* Chivalry,

Perjorum rapidos olim Busirida Currus,
 Dum face Goshenos sequitur ferròq; Colonos,
 Dilapsæ involvère undæ, cumulataq; Ponti
 Desuper incumbens, absorpsit vortice, moles;
 At leti Abramidæ siccòq; in littore tuti
 Undiq; respexère nature in gurgite summo,
 Arma, viros, fractasq; rotas, inimicaq; Castra:
 Haud secus Hi Stygiam fusi stravère Paludem
 Infernòq; Locus: Tantis stupor unget inertes.
 Increpat horrendum Satanas, & voce ciebat
 Ingenti; cava Regna Sono, Barathrumq; remugit.
 Ætherei Proceres, Cæli Certissima Proles,
 Cæli olim vestri, nunc viribus Occupat Hostis:
 Quis stupor attonitas valuit percellere tantus
 Sublimes Animas? Hæc vis Æterna Deorum est!
 An juvat infractam Virtutem & tædia Belli,
 His relevare Locis, lassataq; ponere Membra?
 Scilicet hîc secura Quies, qualisq; solebat,
 Per Cæli valles, somno sopire jacentes.

While with perfidious Hatred they pursu'd
The Sojourners of *Goshen*, who beheld
From the safe Shoar, their Floating Carkasses
And broaken Chariot-Wheels, so thick bestrown
Abject and Lost lay These, covering the Flood,
Under Amazement of their Hideous Change.

He call'd so loud, that all the Hollow Deep
Of Hell resounded. Princes, Potentates,
Warriers, the Flower of Heaven, once yours, now lost
If such Astonishment as this can seize
Eternal Spirits; Or have you chosen this Place
After the Toil of Battle to Repose
Your wearied Vertue, for the Ease you find
To slumber here, as in the Vales of Heav'n?

*An forsan (proh! turpe nefas) juravimus Omnes.
Abjectis venerari animis, veniámq; precari
Victorem; qui nunc dispectans Vertice Cæli,
Millia tot cernit Divorum hoc gurgite mersos
Involvi; super arma jacent decissâq; Signa:
Tempus, et arripiet, dum sic languemus inermes,
Demittétq; suos, Qui Nos detrudere possint
Altiùs in Barathrum; vel forsan Fulmine victos
Ipse catenato, fundo hoc defiget in imo:
Surgite; Supremæ jam nunc datur hora salutis.
Agnovêre ducis vocem, Cunctiq; repentè
Exiliunt; pudet Ignavos potuisse videri:
Ceu quondam Excubias somno Dux fortè gravatas,
Neglectâ statione videt, atq; increpat ultrò;
His experrectis mentem Timor, et pudor ingens
Præcipitant, cæcique ruunt, temerè Arma requirunt,
Nec benè jam vigilant, excussâve pectore Nox est.
Nec tamen infandos non percepêre Dolores,
Ignarive,*

Or in this abject Posture have have Ye Sworn
To Adore the Conquerour ? Who now beholds
Cherube and Seraph rowling in the Flood
With scatter'd Arms and Ensigns, till anon
His swift Pursuers from Heav'ns Gate discern
The Advantage, and descending treads us down
Thus drooping, or with linked Thunderbolts
Transfix Us to the Bottom of this Gulf.
Awake, arise : Or be for Ever Fall'n.

They heard, and were abash'd, and up they
(sprung
Upon the Wing ; as when Men wont to Watch
On Duty, Sleeping found by whom they Dread,
Rouse and Bestir themselves e're well Awake.
Nor did they not perceive the Evil Plight

In

*Ignarive, quibus pressit sors dura, malorum;
Sed ducis imperio parent, & jussa facessunt.
Ac veluti Amramidæ, quondam quassata per Auras,
Prodigiis ubi Virga Potens urgebat ab Euro
Protinus innumeras, piceâ cum Nube, Locustas:
Illæ Regna super Pharaonis fontia pendent
Noctis more; Polus volucris subtexitur Umbrâ,
Miratûrque novas tenebras Gens accola Nili:
Sic sese Hî Stygii librant sub fornice Mundi
Suspensi pennis; nigræ circum undiq; Flammæ
Involvunt, piceöq; volutus Turbine Fumus.
Donec mota Ducis, cursum expectantibus, Hasta
Dirigit; indè omnes parili Libramine lapsi,
Sulphure jam tandem solido, Campöq; residunt
Innumeri, planûmq; ingens vasto agmine complent.
Non tales numeros Boreæ Plaga frigida quondam
Effudit populosa Sinu, transire gelatas
Aut Istri, aut Rheni ripas, ubi barbara Pubes
Diluvii*

In which they were, or the fierce Pains not feel;
Yet to their General's Voice, they soon Obey'd
Innumerable. As when the Potent Rod
Of *Amram's* Son in *Ægypt's* Evil Day
Wav'd round the Coast, up call'd a Pitchy Cloud
Of *Locusts*, warping on the *Eastern* Wind,
That ore the Realm of Impious *Pharaoh* hung
Like Night, and darken'd all the Land of *Nile*:
So Numberless were those Bad Angels seen
Hovering on Wing under the Cope of Hell
'Twixt upper, nether, and surrounding Fires;
Till, as a Signal given, th' up-lifted Spear
Of their great Sultan waving to direct
Their Course, in even Ballance down they light
On the firm Brimstone, and fill all the Plain;
A Multitude, like which the populous *North*
Pour'd never from her Frozen Loins, to pass
Rhene, or the *Danaw*, when her Barbarous Sons
Came

*Diluvii in morem tepidos defluxit ad Austros,
Et Gades infra, Lybicas penetravit arenas.
Protinus è quâvis Primi Legione Tribuni
Procedunt, Primiq; Duces, & littora tendunt,
Maximus in solâ quâ stabat Duxor arexâ:
Omnibus est Ollis, divini forma Decoris,
Et supra humanos, ornabat gratia vultus,
Omnes Cælicolæ dudum supera alta tenebant,
Nunc tamen è vitæ delentur Nomina Libris,
Cælestesq; inter Fastos reticentur honores.
Necdum alios illis titulos, nec nomina vulgò
Indiderant Homines, Evæ decepta Propago:
Donec per terras errare licentiùs omnes
Atq; hominum tentare fidem Deus ipse sinebat;
Tunc autem Humani Generis (quæ maxima) partem,
Fraudibus & dubiis mentiti Numina signis,
Decepère: Illi paulatim linquere Veri
Numinis, atq; novos dementes fingere, Cultus:
Namq;*

Came like a Deluge on the South, and spread
Beneath Gibraltar to the Libyan Sands
Forthwith from every Squadron and each Band
The Heads and Leaders thither hasted, where stood
Their great Commander, God-like Shapes and Forms
Excelling Humane, Princely Dignities,
And Powers that sat in Heaven far on Thrones;
Though of their Names in Heavenly Records now
Be no Memorial, Blotted out, and Ras'd
By their Rebellion, from the Books of Life.
Nor had they yet among the Sons of Eve
Got them new Names, till wandering o're the Earth
Through God's high Sufferance, for the Tryal of
(Man,
By Falsities and Lies the greatest Part
Of Mankind They Corrupted to Forsake
God their Creator, and th' Invisible

Namq; Dei Formam, quæ sensibus obvia nullis,
 In speciem vertère Feræ, Pompâq; superbâ
 Impia Relligio ducit nunc annua Tauro
 Sacra, deauratis olido nunc cornibus Hirco.
 His primus sic crevit Honos; variisq; vocari
 Nominibus, Sacrisq; coli cæpère nefandis
 Per multos latè Populos. Dic Nomina, Clio,
 Plus nimio nunc nota viris; Quis primus ab alto
 Excitus somno, durum, Phlegethonta, Cubile
 Linquebat? Quis postremus? Longo ordine Regem
 Accedunt, ut Quisq; locum Virtute priorem,
 In Castris habuit; sed enim promiscua longè
 Stabat adhuc, missâq; metu Plebeia Caterva
 Ante alios ibant, Orci qui sedibus olim
 Egressiq; suis, longo post tempore, Regnis,
 Magna pererratæ lustrabant limina Terræ
 Palantes, Spoliūmq; sibi prædāq; petentes;
 Quinetiam audebant juxta sibi ponere sedes,

Glory of him that made them, to transform
Oft to the Image of a Brute, adorn'd
With gay Religions full of Pomp and Gold,
And Devils to adore for Deities.
Then were They known to Men by various Names,
And various Idols, through the Heathen World.
Say, Muse, their Names then known, who first,
(who last,
Rous'd from the Slumber, on that Fiery Couch,
At their great Emperor's Call, as next in worth
Came singly where he stood on the bare Strand,
While the promiscuous Croud stood yet aloof?
The Chief were those who from the Pit of Hell
Roaming to seek their Prey on Earth, durst fix
Their Seats long after next the Seat of God,
Their Altars by his Altar, Gods ador'd
Among the Nations round, and durst abide

Quà posuit Deus ipsa suam; Sacrisq; Profana
 Miscere, Illisq; suas Altaribus aras,
 Quas circum parili Gentes venerantur honore:
 Nec, licèt Ipse sedens, Cherubinis undiq; septus,
 In solio, Sione Pater de monte tonabat
 Omnipotens, horrenda Loci reverentia terret,
 Quò minus ipsa intra Solymæi Limina Templi,
 Sæpe suas aras, atq; impia Sacra locantes,
 Pollueréntq; Dei ritus & mystica Festa.

Primus erat Moloch, Rex horridus ora genasq;
 Cui tepido, ad diras cæsis Infantibus Aras,
 Sanguine Membra madent semper Lacrymisq; Parentum:
 Tympana pulsa licèt Natorum audire negabant
 Lamenta & Gemitus quoties miseranda per ignes
 (Proh Scelus !) Idolo transibat Victima torvo.

Hunc Ammonitæ diris Gens impia Sacris,
 Per-riguas Rabbæ Valles, per Rura Basani,

Argobiq;

Jehovah Thundring out of *Sion*, Thron'd
Between the Cherubim ; yea, often plac'd
Within his Sanctuary it self their Shrines,
Abominations ; and with Cursed things
His Holy Rites, and solemn Feasts Profan'd,
And with their Darkness durst affront his Light.

First *Moloch*, horrid King besmear'd with Blood
Of Humane Sacrifice, and Parents Tears,
Though for the Noise of Drums and Timbrels (loud
Their Children cries unheard, that pass'd thro' Fire
To his grim Idol. Him the *Ammonite*
Worship'd in *Rabba* and her Watry Plain,
In *Argob*, and in *Basan*, to the Stream
Of utmost *Arnon*. Nor content with such

Audaci-

Argobiq; colunt, extremi Arnonis ad Ammon.

Nec tam vicinis contentus sedibus ultrò

Te, Solomon, Te fraude petit, vincitq; petitem,

Subjecitq; Malis: Ubi tunc tua Maxima, Cœli

Heu! frustra facilis Donum, sapientia cessit?

Scilicet Huic Sedes speciosis æmula saxis

Ponitur, & longè sublimi ex vertice Montis

Oppositi, Templis respondent Tempia Jehovah:

Tum latè Hinnonis per Vallem Lucus Amœnam

Additur; Illa viris, mutato hinc nomine, Tophet

Dicitur, et, sævo quam rettulit Igne, Gehenna.

Proximus ingreditur Chemos, Moabitide terrâ

Obscænus Populis & formidabilis Horror:

Ille quidem colitur latis Araoris ab oris,

Ad pingues Nebonis agros, Desertâq; vasta,

Quâ multùm extremos Abarimus vergit in Austros;

Quâ terram exercent Hesebonis rastra feracem,

Atq;

Audacious Neighbourhood, the wisest Heart
Of *Solomon* he led by fraud to build
His Temple right against the Temple of God
On that opprobrious Hill, and made his Grove
The pleasant Valley of *Hinnon*, *Tophet* thence
And black *Gehenna* call'd, the Type of Hell.

Next *Chemos*, th' Obscene Dread of *Moab's* Sons,

From *Aroar* to *Nebo*, and the Wild,

Of Southmost *Abarim* ; in *Hesebon*.

And

Atq; Horonaimi, Seonis pinguis Regna;

Trans Elealen, ubi sese Florea Sibma

Vallis, maturis quâ nulla feracior Uvis;

Explicat usq; Lacus & pigra Asphaltidos Undas:

Quinetiam Ille idem fugientes dura Canopi

Hospitia, et jam nunc per Sittim castra locantes,

Nomine Peoris, faciles pellexit Hebræos

• Instituisse sibi lascivis ritibus Aras,

Ab! Miseras aras, Cultorum et clade piandas!

Nec satis hæc: Tristem ad Montem, lucosq; severos

Impia quâ sunt Homicidæ Sacra Molocho,

Obscæna impuro diffuderat Orgia Cultu:

Dum bonus, inde ambos Jofia in Tartara trudit.

His Comites veniunt alii, innumeriq; sequuntur,

Quos licet Euphratis Gentes venerantur ab Undis,

Ad Fluvium Phariis Syrios qui dividit Agros,

Est commune tamen, nullo discrimine, nomen;

Astoret,

And *Horonaim*, *Seon's* Realm, beyond
The Flowry Dale of *Sibma* clad with Vines,
And *Eleale* to th' *Asphaltic* Pool.
Peor his other Name, when he entic'd
Israel in *Sittim*, on their March from *Nile*
To do him wanton Rites, which cost them Woe.
Yet thence his Lustful Orgies he Enlarg'd
Even to that Hill of Scandal, by the Grove
Of *Moloch* Homicide, Lust hard by Hate;
Till good *Josiah* drove them thence to Hell.

With these came they, who from the Bordering-
(Flood
Of old *Euphrates* to the Brook that parts
Egypt from *Syrian* Ground had general Names

Astaroth, & Baalim : Virtus his Mascula, at Illis
Mollia Fæminea signantur Nomina voce,
Namq; ea Spiritibus propria est innata facultas,
Ut possint quoscūq; velint, sibi sumere sexus,
Nunc & utrōsq; volunt : Quippe his ex æthere puro
Simplex forma viget, tum nullis membra ligantur
Artubus, aut duro vires fundantur in osse.
At nunc dilati volitant, & luce resurgent;
Nunc sese angustant, atq; umbrâ noctis opacant :
Perficiantq; leves quicquid voluere per auras,
Sive boni veniunt Genii, sive esse ministros
Funestorum operum, tristēsq; occurrere malunt.
Proq; His Abramidæ verum quàm sæpe feruntur
Abjurasse Deum ! Nec jam deserta frequentant
Templa, nec antè aras meriti mactantur honores :
Haud impunè quidem ; Nam cum nec Numina bruta,
Nec pudet ante Deos capita inclinare salignos,

Of *Baalim* and *Astareoth*, those Male,
These Feminine. For Spirits when they please
Can either Sex assume, or both; so soft
And uncompounded is their Essence pure,
Not ty'd or manac'd with Joint or Limb,
Nor founded on the brittle Strength of Bones,
Like Cumbrous Flesh; but in what Shape they choose
Dilated or Condens'd, Bright or Obscure,
Can Execute their Airy Purposes,
And works of Love or Enmity fulfil.
For those the Race of *Israel* oft forsook
Their Living Strength, and unfrequented left
His Righteous Altar, bowing lowly down
To Bestial Gods, for which their Heads as low

*Inclinant eadem duro in certamine Belli,
Cujuscūq; hostis vili depressa sub hastâ.*

*Ashtoreth insequitur; Phœnicum in gente vocatur
Astarte, Regina Poli, cui lucida crescunt
Cornua, fulgentésq; vices: Illius ad aras
Et statuam tremulo fulgentem lumine lunæ,
Carmina Sidoniæ pangunt nocturna puellæ:
Sed nec Sionis tales juga conscia cantus
Nescivêre diu, postquam alto in vertice montis
Condiderat magnam Rex illi uxorius Ædem;
Lumina falsa sequi, seductus pellicis arte,
Ingenium & corda ampla ferunt utcūq; Minores.*

*Ponē venit Thammuz; illum annua vulnera passum
In Lebanone Syræ multum flevêre puellæ
Cantantes, sortémq; animis miserantur iniquam:
Tardior æstivos audito carmine currus.*

Bow'd down in Battle, sunk before the Spear
Of Despicable Foes.

With these in Troop
Came *Astoreth*, whom the *Phœnicians* call'd
Astarte, Queen of Heav'n, with Crescent Horns
To whose bright Image nightly by the Moon
Sidonian Virgins paid their Vows and Songs,
In *Sion* also not unsung, where stood
Her Temple on th'offensive Mountain, built
By that Uxorious King, whose Heart though large,
Beguil'd by fair Idolatresses, fell
To Idols foul.

Thammuz came next behind,
Whose Annual Wound in *Lebanon* allur'd
The *Syrian* Damsels to lament his Fate
In Amorous Ditties all a Summers Day.
While smooch *Adonis* from his Native Rock

Phœbus agit; læsq; quotannis Sanguine tinctus,
 Purpureum, si vera fides, se lenis Adonis
 Nativâ de rupe cadensolvebat ad æquor.
 Fabula vana placet; Thammuzum indigna ferentem
 Solari, Nymphas idem rapit ardor Hebræas:
 Quarum lascivos gestus, lachrymâsq; nocentes
 Viderat Ezekiel, propriis cum fortè sedentem
 Ædibus atq; senes inter, manus æthera lapsa
 Sublimem rapuit, templiq; ad limina sistit,
 * Septuaginta senes, ubi multo thure vaporant
 Mœnia, Divorum pictis reptata figuris;
 Transfossimq; gemunt Thammuzum in limine matres.
 Qui sequitur verè flevit, quando illius olim
 Captiva effigiem brutam truncaverat Arca;
 Nam capite, & cervice minor, manibûsq; resectis,
 Pronus humi, & proprii media intrâ limina templi
 Decidit, et jacuit Cultorum immobile probrum:

* Vide Ezek. cap. 8. comm. 1. 3. 10. 11. 14.

Ran purple to the Sea, suppos'd with Blood
Of *Thammuz* Yearly wounded: The Love-Tale
Infected *Sion's* Daughters with like Heat,
Whose wanton Passions in the Sacred Porch
Ezekiel saw, when by the Vision led
His Eye Survey'd the dark Idolatries
Of Alienated *Judah*.

Next came one
Who Mourn'd in Earnest, when the Captive Ark
Maim'd his brute Image, Head and Hands lopt off
In his own Temple, on the groundsel Edge,
Where he fell Flat, and sham'd his Worshipers:

Dagon

*Nomen erat Dagon, monstrum maris, ardua præfert
Frons hominem, squamosa in piscem desinit alvus.*

*Huic tamen Azoti surgunt sublimia templa,
Templa Palestinas multum consulta per oras;
Hunc et Gathitæ tremuere, hunc Ascolonitæ,
Atq; Acaronæi, Gazæq; extrema colentes.*

*Post sequitur Rimmon, cui sedes pulchra Damascus,
Quam felice solo fundatam, murmure cingunt
Abbanâq; & gelidus, pellucida flumina, Parphar.*

*Hic quôq; templa Dei scelerato subdolus astu
Invasit, famulum mutans pro Rege Leprosum :*

*Ab ! Rex infelix, quæ te Dementia tanta
Cepit, Ahaz ? Patrias te non pudet (abscelus) Aras
Post-habuisse Syris Sacris, aut thura cremasse
Indigna, aut coluisse Deos quos viceris ipse.*

*Post hos Apis adest, et Osiris, et Isis, et Orus,
Atq; alii, antiquæ notissima nomina famæ :*

Dagon his Name, Sea-Monster, upward Man
And downward Fish: Yet had his Temple high
Rear'd in *Azotus*, dreaded through the Coast
Of *Palestine*, in *Gath* and *Ascalon*
And *Accaron* and *Gaza's* Frontier Bounds.

Him follow'd *Rimmon*, whose delightful Seat
Was fair *Damascus*, on the Fertile Banks
Of *Abbana* and *Parphar*, Lucid Streams.

He also against the House of God was bold:

A Leper once he lost and gain'd a King,

Abaz his Sottish Conquerour, whom he drew

God's Altar to disparage and displace

For one of *Syrian* Mode, whereon to burn

His odious Offerings, and Adore the Gods

Whom he had Vanquish'd.

After these appear'd

A Crew who under Names of old Renown,

Osiris, *Isis*, *Orus*, and their Train

*Quæ portenta Deum coluit Fanatica Memphis,
Linigeriq; greges Mystrarum; dum vaga quærunt
Numina per Sylvas brutis latitantia formis;
Atq; induta feras : Nam non humana decere
Credunt ora Deos. Similis dementia cepit
Isacidorum Gentem; tum cum malefannus Aaron
Aurea collorum gestamina Numen habere
Jussit, & Orebi sacrum mugire metallum.
Quod Scelus indignum Bethel & Dannide terra,
Narrat Fama Vetus, Regem geminasse rebellem :
Namq; Bovi assimulat pratorum gramine pasto
Demens, rectorem Cæli terræq; Jehovaham :
Qui Primogenitos uno omnes impiger ictu,
Dum transit Pharias una omnes nocte per Urbes,
Straverat, et mixto balantes funere Divos.*

*Ultimus est Belial, sed non impurior illo
Ant vitii magis alter amans. Huic nulla dicantur*

With Monstrous Shapes and Sorceries abus'd
Fanatic *Egypt* and her Priests, to seek
Their wandering Gods disguis'd in Brutish Forms
Rather than Human. Nor did *Israel* scape
Th' Infection when their borrow'd Gold Compos'd
The Calf in *Oreb*: And the Rebel King
Doubl'd that Sin in *Bethel* and in *Dan*,
Lik'ning his Maker to the Grazed Ox,
Jehovah, who in one Night when he pass'd
From *Egypt* Marching, equall'd with one Stroke
Both her First-born and all her Bleating Gods.

Belial came last, than whom a Spirit more lewd
Fell not from Heaven, or more gross to Love
Vice for it self: To him no Temple stood

*Templa, nec impositis fumant altaria donis;
Quis tamen aut Templis, aut crebrior adstiterit aris?
Ille profanus adest, quoties sua sacra Sacerdos
Fraudes esse pias, quoties non credidit esse,
Quos docet ipse, Deos: Quales (duo Monstra!) fuere
Elidæ Fratres; quos Tempa libidine, spretis
Fulminibus, Fama est, quondam incestasse Jehovah.
Ille etiam molles gaudet regnare per Urbes;
Aulis ille frequens; et luxuriantia Regum
Limina delectant: Ubi casti nulla pudoris
Cura; vigent luxus, vis, iurgia; summaque longæ
Confusus scelerum transcendit culmina clamor.
Nox et amica malis, ubi velat nubila vicos,
Erumpunt Beliale sati, per spurca vagantes
Compita, et ebrietas furiosa libidine sævit.
Sodomicos restor vicos, noctemque pudendam,
Quâ quondam Gibæ turpi domus hospita stupro
Matronam exposuit; felix, quod crimine tali
Peiores*

Or Altar smoak'd ; yet who more oft than he
In Temples, and at Altars, when the Priest
Turns Atheist, as did *Ely's* Sons, who fill'd
With Lust and Violence the House of God.
In Courts and Pallaces he also Reigns
And in Luxurious Cities, where the noise
Of Riot ascends above their Loftiest Towers,
And Injury, and Outrage : And when Night
Darkens the Streets, then wander forth the Sons
Of *Belial*, flown with Insolence and Wine.
Witness the Streets of *Sodom*, and that Night
In *Gibeah*, when the Hospitable Door
Expos'd a Matron to avoid worse Rape.

These

Peiores vitare potest minus impia rapinas.

Hi primi imperio fuerant : Qui magna sequuntur

Turba, referre labor. Namq; hîc & Numina Graia,

Ionæq; Dei, Javanis adultera proles :

Numina Graia quidem, Graiis tamen agnita nasci

Post Cælum et Terram, quos sunt mentita Parentes.

Primigenus Cœli Titan, cum prole feroci ;

Privatus nunc ille Deus ; nam jura regendi,

Quæ Natura dedit, frater rapit improbus armis

Saturnus, cui fata seni mox æqua rependit

Jupiter, atq; Patri regnum magis impius aufert,

Usurpâtq; Polos, et, non sua, fulmina vibrat.

Hi primùm in Cretâ, aut Phrygiam regnare per Idam

Narrantur ; mox in niveis frigentis Olympi

Verticibus medium tenuêre per æra Sceptrum :

Nunc quoque Delphorum clivi ; Dodonia sylvæ

Nunc juvat errantes, aut lato limite tellus

These were the Prime in Order and in Might;
The rest were long to tell, though far Renown'd,
Th' *Ionian* Gods, of *Javan's* Issue held
Gods, yet confest later than Heav'n and Earth
Their Boasted Parents; *Titan* Heav'n's First-Born
With his Enormous Brood, and Birth-right seis'd
By younger *Saturn*, he from Mightier *Jove*
His own, and *Rhea's* Son like Measure found;
So *Jove* Usurping Reign'd: These first in *Crete*
And *Ida* known, thence on the Snowy Top
Of Cold *Olympus* rul'd the Middle Air
Their highest Heav'n; or on the *Delphian* Cliff
Or in *Dodona*, and through all the bounds

Dorica : *Quin alii veterem trans Æquora veltum*
Sicula Saturnum , Hesperias commitantur in oras,
Hinc etiam ulterius penetrant, Celtisq; relictis
Conclusas pelago viserunt undiq; terras.

Hos plures alii tardis comitantur euntes
Gressibus , et mæstæ defixi lumina terræ.
Verùm ubi magnanimum nondum diffidere fatis
Persensere Ducem; vultus simulata relaxat
Spes atq; ambiguis sublucent gaudia curis,
Scintillantq; oculi : Stetit anxius ipse, genarum
Sæpius ancipitem visus variare colorem.
Mox solitos fastus, animiq; recolligit ignes
Audaces, sociis tum grandia verba locutus,
Virtutem erexit, profligavitq; timores.

Inde jubet Labarum, raucos tuba bellica cantus
Cum daret, et subito streperent fera cornua signo,
Attolli, quem jure sibi poscebat honorem

Of *Doric* Land ; or who with *Saturn* old
Fled over *Adria* to th' *Hesperian* Fields,
And o're the *Celtic* roam'd the utmost Isles.

All these and more came flocking ; but with Looks
Down cast and Damp, yet such wherein appear'd
Obscure some glimpse of Joy, to have found their
(Chief

Not in Despair, to have found themselves not lost
In Loss it self ; which on his Count'nance cast
Like doubtful hue : But he his wonted Pride
Soon recollecting, with high Words, that bore
Semblance of Worth, not Substance, gently rais'd
Their fainting Courage, and dispell'd their Fears.
Then strait Commands that at the Warlike Sound
Of Trumpets loud and Clarions be uprear'd
His mighty Standard ; that proud Honour claim'd

Signifer Azazel, procero Corpore Cherub :
Ille alacer jussis insignia regia longè
Explicuit, rapidisq; dedit diffundere ventis :
Quæ radiata auro & variis stellata lapillis,
Seraphicisq; armis latè pictisq; Trophæis
Insignita, Erebi fuscas arsère per Umbras,
Sanguineumq; rubent, caudatæ more Cometæ.
Interea ad bellum vocitare metalla sonora,
Hortariq; iras ; pariter fremuere manip'li
Attolluntq; sonos ; longè Cæca antra reclamant,
Intremuitq; Chaos, noctisq; silentia regna.
Tum dicto citius decies millena per auras
Obscuras vexilla volant, variisq; colores
Diffundunt, crebro sinuata per Aera motu :
Et simul arrectis sylva ingens horruit hastis.
Tum galeæ, & densi nutant longo ordine coni,
Junguntur clypei, faciuntq; umbronibus arctis,

Immensam

Azazel as his Right, a Cherube tall :

Who forthwith from the glittering Staff unfurl'd

Th' Imperial Ensign, which full high Advanc'd

Shone like a Meteor streaming to the Wind

With Gems and Golden Lustre rich Imblaz'd,

Seraphic Arms and Trophies : All the while

Sonorous Mettal blowing Martial Sounds :

At which the Universal Host upsent

A Shout that tore Hell's Concave, and beyond

Frighted the Reign of *Chaos* and old Night.

All in a Moment through the Gloom were seen

Ten Thousand Banners rise into the Air

With Orient Colours waving : With them rose

A Forrest huge of Spears : And thronging Helms

Appear'd, and ferried Shields in thick Array

*Immensam belli seriem : Mox pectora mulcet
Tibia, compositæq; simul movêre Phalanges :
Tibia, non qualis temeraria pectora motu
Impellit subito, furiisq; accendit iniquis ;
Sed qualis veteres animans in prælia quondam
Heroas, docuit sedato pectore pugnare
Aspicere horrentes, patriæq; expendere vitam
Impavidos , turpiq; fugæ præponere mortem :
Illa potest etiam vigilare sopire dolores,
Illa levat mæstas blando modulamine mentes,
Et dubium, atq; metum, et si quæ mortalia tantæ
Pectora sollicitant, aut immortalia curæ.
Ergo illi intentis animis, gressuq; silente,
Pugnacemq; unâ spirantes mente vigorem
Incedunt, tacitisq; premunt vestigia prunis,
Dum canit, et læsas solatur tibia plantas.
Jamq; in conspectu Satanæ stant ordine longo.*

Of Depth Immeasurable: Anon they move
In perfect *Phalanx* to the *Dorian* Mood
Of Flutes and soft Recorders; such as rais'd
To height of Noblest Temper Heroes old
Arming to Battle, and instead of Rage
Deliberate Valour Breath'd, firm and unmov'd
With dread of Death to Flight or soul Retreat,
Nor wanting Power to mitigate and swage
With solemn Touches, troubl'd Thoughts; and chase
Anguish, and Doubt, and Fear, and Sorrow, and
(Pain
From Mortal or Immortal Minds. Thus they
Breathing United Force with fixed Thought
Mov'd on in Silence to soft Pipes that Charm'd
Their Painful Steps o're the burnt Soil; and now
Advanc'd in View, they stand, a horrid Front

Formidanda acies, extensa nitentibus armis.

Tum longis adnixa hastis et scuta tenentes

Expectant mandata Ducis.

Ille per armatas jaculatur lumina turmas

Experta, et subito transversim tota pererrat

Agmina; si paribus numeris dimensa viarum

Distent; si vultus hilares: Tum immania cerni

Corpora prælibat visu, numerumq; recenset.

Inde animis superans, tumido præcordia fastu

Distendit, tantisq; exultat viribus ultro:

Namq; pares illis non vidit terra, nec unquam

Post natos homines, tantæ coiére Catervæ:

Queis si componas veteres, quos Plægra, Gigantes

Ardua sustinuit; vel si quæ Heroica Pubes,

Aut Trojam, aut fontes jurata excindere Thebas,

Sæviit, hinc illinc Diis auxiliaribus aucta:

Quàm vilis tibi turba forent! Pigmea putares,

Of dreadful Length, and dazling Arms, in guise
Of Warriours old, with order'd Spear and Shield,
Awaiting what Command their mighty Chief
Had to Impose : He through the Armed Files
Darts his Experienc'd Eye, and soon traverse
The whole Battallion views, their Order due,
Their Visages and Statute as of Gods,
Their Number last he Sums. And now his Heart
Distends with Pride, and hard'ning in his Strength
Glories : For never since Created Man
Met such imbodied Force, as nam'd with these
Could merit more than that small Infantry
Warr'd on by Cranes : Though all the Giant-brood
Of *Phlegra* with th' Heroick Race were join'd
That Fought at *Thebes* and *Illium*, on each side
Mix'd with Auxiliar Gods; and what resounds

Agmina, & audacem Gruibus bellare juventam.

Cedat, et Arthuro quicquid de rege vetusta

Fabula mentitur, sive illum Armorica pubes,

Sive sui Britones cinxerunt, fortius Agmen.

Cedant, & quotquot Christi hinc vexilla secuti,

Sanguineâsq; cruces ; crucifixi Numinis illinc

Exosi nomen, pugnas iniêre cruentas.

Tantum illi ingentes, mortalis robora Pubis,

Exuperant : Magni tamen observantia Regis

Intentos tenuit ; admiranturq; silentes.

Ille omnes alios, ceu turris maxima, toto

Vertice stat suprâ, formâ gestûq; superbus.

Nondum nativi decus omne exaruit oris,

Castigatur honos tantum, nimumq; videri

Ante jubar : Magnorum illum de gente Deorum

Tu facile agnoscas ; credas tamen æthere pulsum.

Qualis, Phæbe Pater, si quando nubilus aer,

Primâ luce rubes, radios detonse coruscos :

Qualis

In Fable or *Romance* of *Uther's* Son
Begirt with *British* and *Armoric* Knights;
And all who since, Baptiz'd, or Infidel
Jousted in *Aspramont* or *Montalban*,
Damasco or *Morocco*, or *Trebisond*,
Or whom *Biserta* sent from *Africk* Shoar
When *Charlemain* and all his Peerage fell
By *Fontarabia*. Thus far these beyond
Compare of Mortal Prowess, yet observ'd
Their Dread Commander : He above the rest
In Shape and Gesture highly Eminent
Stood like a Tow'r ; his Form had yet not lost
All her Original Brightness, nor appear'd
Less than Arch Angel ruin'd, and th' excess
Of Glory obscur'd : As when the Sun new ris'n
Looks through the Horizontal misty Air
Shorn of his Beams, or from behind the Moon

Qualis sæpe latens Lunæ post terga Sororis,
Dimidio Mundi præsaga crepuscula spargis
Infaustus; Bellum, venturaq; funera Vulgus
Præsentit, regésq; suis timuere coronis.
Sic licet obductus tenebris, tamen ille refulget,
Transgressus formâ socios; sed multa cicatrix
Adstrinxit, crebro sulcatus fulmine vultus:
Marcentésq; genas insomnis cura tenebat.
Frons tamen invictam visa est promittere mentem,
Quæ jam vindictæ secum tempúsq; modúmq;
Consilio tacito meditatur, & omnia voluit:
Terribiles visus, oculiq; arsere minaces,
Qui tamen inviti prodebant signa doloris;
Quippé piget Socias sceleris vidisse Cohortes
(Heu quàm dissimiles Cælo modò viderat illas!)
Damnari æternis alieno crimine pœnis;
Nec mutare fidem licet ejus culpa nocentes
Fecerat, & miseri Supcrûm de sorte beatâ

Exiderant

In dim Eclipse disastrous Twilight sheds
On half the Nations, and with fear of change
Perplexes Monarchs. Darken'd so, yet shon
Above them all th' Arch-Angel : But his Face
Deep Scars of Thunder had Intrench'd, and Care
Sat on his faded Cheek, but under Brows
Of Dauntless Courage and considerate Pride
Waiting Revenge : Cruel his Eye, but cast

Signs of Remorse and Passion to behold
The Fellows of his Crime, the Followers rather
(Far other once beheld in Bliss) Condemn'd
For Ever now to have their Lot in Pain,
Millions of Spirits for his Fault amerç'd
Of Heav'n, and from Eternal Splendors Flung
For his Revolt, yet Faithful how they stood,
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*Exciderant Cælisq; suis, ausi Illius ergo,
Bellum inferre Deo, partésq; fovere rebelles :
Sic ubi Sylvestrem feriunt Jovis ignea Quercum
Fulmina, vel celsam montano in vertice Pinum ;
Frondeus aret honos ; audent sed nuda minari
Brachia in hostiles, ambusto vertice, nubes.*

*Et jam verba parat, quo viso exercitus ingens
Cornibus extremis coeunt, cinguntq; loquentem
Undiq; stipati ; atq; arrectis auribus adstant.
Ter fari aggreditur, ter quales Numina fundunt,
Erumpunt lachrymæ, térq; indignantia fletus
Pectora non cohibent ; tandem laxata dolore
Verba viam inveniunt, gemitu interrupta frequenti.*

O æternorum pubes invicta Deorum,

Non hostes habitura pares, si nullus Olympo

Cunctipotens ; primis quid si infelicior armis

Exitus ? Et qualem Cælorum plena ruinis

Hæc loca testantur, tamen baud ignobilis illa

Their Glory wither'd. As when Heavens Fire
Hath scath'd the Forrest Oaks, or Mountain Pines,
With sing'd Top their stately Growth though bare
Stands on the Blasted Heath,

He now prepar'd
To speak; whereat their doubled Ranks they bend
From Wing to Wing, and half enclose him round
With all his Peers : Attention held them Mute.
Thrice he assay'd, and thrice in spight of Scorn,
Tears, such as Angels weep, burst forth : At last
Words interwove with Sighs found out their way.

O Myriads of Immortal Spirits, O Powers
Matchless, but with th' Almighty, and that Strife
Was not Inglorious, though the Event was Dire,
As this Place testifies, and this Dire Change
Hateful to utter : But what Power of Mind
Foreseeing

*Pugna fuit, nec parva manet sua gloria victos.
Tunc autem è nobis cui mens tam præscia fati,
Quisve ex præteritis venturos dicere casus
Usq; adeò vates? qui tot jurata Deorum
Agmina, Cælestis lectissima pectora pubis,
Marte sub adverso superari posse timeret?
Sed necdum dubium est, virtute et fortibus armis
Quin eadem valeant (quamvis hanc passa repulsam)
Nativas iterum sedes ascendere, quæ nunc
Cive vacant, nostris turbatis indè manip'lis.
Este mihi, Superi, testes, si crimine nostro
Spes malè succedant vestræ; damnate (rogantem
Auditis) si quæ ulla meo turtaba timore
Consilia, aut si quæ ulla mihi vitata peric'la.
Sed qui nunc Solus Cælorum flectit habenas,
Ante ausus nostros, omni securus ab ævo
Sederat in solio, quod jam, per plurima sæcla,
Consensus Divûm longo firmaverat usu;*

Cunctis

Foreseeing or presaging, from the Depth
Of Knowledge past or present, could have fear'd,
How such united Force of Gods, how such
As stood like these, could ever know Repulse.
For who can yet believe, though after Loss
That all these Puissant Legions whose Exile
Hath emptied Heaven, shall fail to re-ascend
Self-rai'd, and re possess their Native Seat:

For me be witness all the Host of Heaven,
If Counsels different, or danger shunn'd
By me have lost their Hopes. But he who Reigns
Monarch in Heav'n, till then as one secure
Sat on his Throne, upheld by old Repute,
Consent or Custom, and his Regal State

Put

*Cunctis pro arbitrio imperitans, et cuncta gubernans:
Quâ tamen hæc fecit fatornm lege, quibûsve
Auxiliis fretus, nos id celare studebat:
Hinc nobis audendi animus, hinc causa malorum.
Nunc quantum ille armis, quantum valeamus et ipsi,
Novimus experti: Posthâc inferre priores
Nec bellum volumus, nec si prior ille paratos
Infestare ausit, fera detrectabimus arma:
Clam gerere intereâ rem, nostri est; certa sequetur
Maturos fortuna dolos, et fraude peractum
Cernemus tandem occultâ; quod Martia Virtus
Non valuit fecisse palam.
Mundi forte novi perfecto temporis orbe
Exurgant, quibus ille brevi (nisi sparsa per Aulam
Ætheriam sit vana fides) per inane coactis
Seminibus rerum, verbo fundamina ponet,
Felicîq; coli genti dabit; hancq; creabit
Divis perè parem, atq; æternâ Sorte beabit.*

Put forth at full, but still his Strength conceal'd,
Which tempted our Attempt, and wrought our fall.
Henceforth his Might we know, and know our own
So as not either to provoke, or dread
New War, provok'd; our better Part remains
To work in close Design, by Fraud or Guile
What Force effected not: That he no less
At length from us may find, who overcomes
By Force, hath overcome but half his Foe.
Space may produce new Worlds; whereof so rife
There went a fame in Heav'n that he ere long
Intended to Create, and therein Plant
A Generation whom his choice Regard
Should favour equal to the Sons of Heav'n:

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Thither

Hos itaq; explorare locos, hæc quærere regna
 Primus erit labor; atq; illac saltem ibimus omnes.
 Nam neq; Cælestes animas, hæc nigra tenebunt
 Antra Diu, tristive teget caligine Abyssus.
 His tamen, ô Cives, pleno de rebus agendum est
 Concilio, néq; enim pacis Spes ulla relicta est,
 Ni precibus placeat, genibûsq; exposcere flexis.
 Quis feret hoc? Bella ergo juvant; quæ clâmne gerenda
 Infidiis, an Marte palam, decernere vestrum est.
 Sic fatus Satanâs; et confirmare loquentis
 Verba Ducis, subitos vaginis eripit enses
 Tota cohors; Divûmq; micat vibrata lacertis
 Ferrî acies latè spargens per Tartara lucem.
 Tum sævis nequicquam animis insana furentes
 In Dominum, Authoremq; Poli, pressâq; tenentes
 Arctius arma manu, & collisis terq; quaterq;
 Horrendum clypeis belli pepulere fragorem;
 Et simul in Cælos verba execrantia jactant.

Thither if but to pry, shall be perhaps
Our first Eruption, thither or elsewhere:
For this Infernal Pit shall never hold
Cælestial Spirits in Bondage, nor the Abyfs
Long under Darkness cover. But these Thoughts
Full Counsel must Mature: Peace is despair'd,
For who can think Submission? War then, War
Open or understood must be resolv'd.

He spake: And to confirm his Words, out-Flew
Millions of Flaming Swords, drawn from the thighs
Of mighty Cherubim; the sudden blaze
Far round Illumin'd Hell: Highly they rag'd
Against the Highest, and fierce with grasped Arms
Clash'd on their sounding Shields the din of War,
Hurling Defiance toward the Vault of Heav'n.

*Haud procul hinc nigrum subcano vertice Collis
Ignem eructabat, piceiq; volumina fumi;
Integer in reliquis & nullo ruptus hiatu.
Huic humeros, fulvûsq; tegens latera ardua cortex
Signa satîs manifesta dabat, quòd fæta metallis
Viscera Sulphureis, aurum argentûmq; coquebat.
Advolat hîc subitum festinis gressibus agmen,
Præcipitântq; moras omnes: Ceu regia castra,
Fossores quondam, palis durôq; ligone
Præcurrunt, armata manus; seu cingere campum
Vallo, sive parant hostilem evertere murum.
Hos Mammon ducebat: Eo non vilior alter
Spiritus Ætheriûs ruit exturbatus ab astris.
Nâmq; ut dejectus vultu, sic pronior ipsâ
Mente fuit; magni quamvis tunc incola Cæli.
Cûmq; Dei ardentes vultus, atq; ora tueri
Fas erat, & rerum præsens vidisse parentem,
Omniâq; in primis poterat deprendere Causis:*

There stood a Hill not far whose griesly Top
Belch'd Fire and rowling Smoak ; the rest entire
Shon with a glossy Scurf, undoubted Sign
That in his Womb was hid Metallic Ore,
The work of Sulphur. Thither wing'd with speed
A numerous Brigade hasten'd. As when Bands
Of Pioneers with Spade and Pick-Axe arm'd
Fore-run the Royal Camp, to trench a Field,
Or cast a Rampart.

Mammon led them on ,

Mammon, the least erected Spirit that fell

From Heav'n, for even in Heav'n his Looks and
(Thoughts

Were always downward bent, admiring more

The Riches of Heav'n's Pavement, trod'n Gold,

Then

Tot veneranda inter superi miracula mundi,

Ille pavimentum tantùm miratur Olympi,

Quòdq; viis stratum, pedibus super ambulat, aurum :

Hoc ille intuitu semper defixus eodem

Despicit, hoc præfert rebus sublimibus excors.

Ergo etiam ille idem, longo post tempore, primus

Secretis hominum mentes impulsibus egit,

Scrutari effossas penitus penitúsq; cavernas,

Sacrilegâq; manu Telluris viscera matris

Eruere, ut vetitas possent proferre sub auras,

Non temerè clausos (proh dira insania!) nummos.

Jámq; latus montis, spatioso vulnere ruptum,

Sedula turba cavans, costas effoderat aureas.

“ Sed nec Opes quis miretur sub Tartara nasci ;

Est regio ista quidem tantâ dignissima peste.

Hinc etiam quicúnq; animis mortalia jactant,

Assyriásq; arces, & quæ miracula quondam

Then ought Divine or Holy else enjoy'd
In Vision Beatific : By him first
Men also, and by his Suggestion taught,
Ransack'd the Center, and with Impious Hands
Riff'd the Bowels of their Mother Earth,
For Treasures better hid.

Soon had his Crew
Open'd into the Hill a spacious Wound,
And digg'd out Ribs of Gold. Let none admire
That Riches grow in Hell; that Soil may best
Deserve the precious Bane. And here let those
Who boast in Mortal things, and wond'ring tell
Of *Babel*, and the works of *Memphian* Kings

*Ægypti posuere, stupent, & mira loquuntur;
Hinc tandem discant, quantum sua maxima cedunt,
Quotquot habent Luxus, Ditionis, Roboris, Artis,
Vel Famæ monumenta, illis quibus infera Virtus
Spirituum & damnata manus fundamina ponit.*

*Adde, quod his (nec facta brevi mora longior horâ)
Consummetur opus, quod vix mortalibus ægris
Perfectum daret, assiduo transacta labore,
Innumeris manibus rem festinantibus, ætas.*

*Namq; in planitie vastâ, quæ proxima monti,
Haud mora, fornacesq; parant, cellasq; capaces;
Quas facit undare, et subjectis fervere flammis,
De rapido ductus Phlegethonte canalibus ignis.*

Hic resoluta fluunt magnis Fervoribus æra

Argentumq; simul; simul auri massa liquefcit:

Illi autem mirâ secernunt arte, metallâ

Sic confusa; leves fæces, spumasq; repellunt.

Learn how their greatest Monuments of Fame,
And Strength and Art are easily outdone
By Spirits Reprobate, and in an Hour
What in an Age they with incessant Toil
And Hands innumerable scarce perform.

Nigh on the Plain in many Cells prepar'd,
That underneath had Veins of Liquid Fire
Sluc'd from the Lake, a second Multitude
With wondrous Art found out the Massie Ore,
Severing each kind, and scum'd the Bullion Dross:

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*Ast alii interea subter tellure figuram
Ingentis faciunt variis ambagibus Aula.
Certis ducta viis huc de fornacibus, Auri
Materies liquefacta fluit, penitusq; cavata
Implebat spatia, & rursus solidatur in illis:
Qualiter inflatu cantatis Spiritus uno,
Per varias series, septenam inspirat avenam.
Ecce autem è terrâ (dictu mirabile monstrum!)
Dum vario voces modulamine dulce sonabant,
Seu vapor ignitus, paulatim fabrica surgit;
Inq; modum Templi spatiis ingentibus extat.
Stant circum solido ex auro, decora alta, Colossi:
Effulgent crasso laquearia fulta metallo,
Ipse etiam crustata auro: Animata putares
Mœnia, sic vivas simulat sculptura figuras.
Non Babylon Persæa olim, aut Ægyptia Memphis
Has æquabat Opes; vel molles quando locabant*

A third as soon had form'd within the Ground
A various Mould, and from the Boyling Cells
By strange Conveyance fill'd each hollow Nook,
As in an Organ from one Blast of Wind
To many a row of Pipes the Sound-Board breaths.
Anon out of the Earth a Fabrick huge
Rose like an Exhalation, with the Sound
Of Dulcet Symphonies, and Voices sweet,
Built like a Temple, where *Pilasters* round
Were set, and *Doric* Pillars overlaid
With Golden Architrave, nor did there want
Cornice or Freeze, with bossy Sculptures grav'n,
The Roof was Fretted Gold. Not *Babylon*,
Nor great *Alcairo* such Magnificence
Equal'd in all their Glories, to inshrine

*In solio reges ; vel quando immania Templa
Ponebant Belo, tandem inventoq; Serapi.
Hæc molis structura fuit : Subitoq; fragore
Pandunt se aurato stridentes cardine portæ.
Apparent intus spatia ampla, & vasta patefcunt
Atria ; dependent Magicâ laquearibus arte
Incensi lychni, multoq; bitumine pasti
Scintillant ; veluti Stellarum argenteus Ordo.
Turba ingressa stupet, visuq; immobilis hæret :
Altera pars Opus, Artificem pars altera laudat :
Cujus & in Cælis fuerat notissima dextra ;
Namq; illic fertur turritis molibus olim
Regales struxisse domos ; ubi Sceptra tenentes
Cælicolâ sedere Duces, quos ipse Deûm Rex
Præfecit reliquis, magno dignatus honore ;
Et dedit ut superos longè latèq; Colonos,
Quisq; sua ditione, regant & jura ministrent :*

Belus or *Serapis* their Gods, or Seat
Their Kings, when *Ægypt* with *Assyria* strove
In Wealth and Luxury. Th' ascending Pile
Stood fix'd her stately Height, and strait the Doors
Op'ning their Brazen Folds discover wide
Within, her ample spaces, o're the smooth
And level Pavement: From the Arched Roof
Pendant by subtil Magic many a row
Of Starry Lamps and blazing Cressets fed
With *Naphtha* and *Asphaltus* yeilded Light
As from a Sky. The hasty Multitude
Admiring enter'd, and the Work some Praise,
And some the Architect: His Hand was known
In Heav'n by many a Towr'd Structure high,
Where Scepter'd Angels held their Residence,
And sat as Princes, whom the Supreme King
Exalted to such Power, and gave to Rule,
Each in his Hierarchy, the Orders bright.

Nor

Quin etiam illi olim magnos indixit honores
Græcia, et in Templis celabavit festa dicatis;
Atq; Italæ gentes, Vulcani nomine norant.
Utq; illum iratus summo de vertice Cæli
Jupiter ipse Pater, trans aurea mœnia longi,
Deturbans daret in præceps, cecinere Poetæ:
A nascente die, medium usq; et rore madentem
Occasum, per tota æstivæ tempora lucis,
Proruit immensum præceps; dum sole cadente
In Lemnum tandem impegit; ceu stella refixa
Quæ cadit atq; viam labens per nubila signat.
Sic cecinere illi; sed fama incerta fefellit:
Namq; ille exciderat telis detrusus acutis
Ante omnes annos, socium comitante catervâ:
Nec profunt misero, quas Cælo condidit, arces,
Quum Dominum nullæ valeant servare rebellem,
Tartara quin tenebrosa petat; quâ nunc quôq; sedes
Infernis focis, si qua est ea gratia, condit.

Interea

Nor was his Name unheard or unador'd
In ancient *Greece*; and in *Ausonian* Land
Men call'd him *Mulciber*; and how he fell
From Heav'n, they Fabl'd, thrown by angry *Jove*
Sheer o'er the Chyfal Battlements; from Morn
To Noon he fell, from Noon to Dewy Eve,
A Summers Day; and with the setting Sun
Dropt from the *Zenith* like a falling Star,
On *Lemnos* th' *Ægean* Isle: Thus they relate,
Erring; for he with this *Rebellious* Rout
Fell long before; nor ought avail'd him now
To have built in Heav'n high Tow'rs; nor did he
(scape
By all his Engines, but was Headlong sent
With his *Industrious* Crew to build in Hell.

Mean

Interea jussu Præcones Regis obibant
 Solenni ritu, et magno clangore tubarum;
 Ingressiq; suos latè per castra monebant,
 Omnes in Cætum acciri; de rebus habendum
 Concilium in Pandæmonio: Sic nomine dicunt,
 Quæ modò ponebant inferno mœnia Diti.
 Continuo è cunctis lecti Legionibus adsunt
 Ductores, magnâ mediî comitante Catervâ:
 Ante fores, limenq; domûs, mixto agmine circum
 Densatur glomerata manus: Accessus ubiq;
 Clamorem, ingressum revomunt plena atria vulgum.
 Ast Aula interior (quamquam had spatiosior illa
 Martius ille olim campus, quâ Romula pubes
 Exercere solebat equos, aut Cominûs ense
 Pugnare, aut torquere gradu cita tela sequaci.)
 Præcipuè conferta gemit, fervétq; tumultu.
 Namq; humiles alii reptant, stridentibus auras
 Verrebant alii pennis, atq; omnia miscent:

Mean while the winged Heralds by Command
Of Sov'rain Power, with Awful Ceremony
And Trumpets Sound throughout the Host proclaim
A solemn Council forthwith to be held
At *Pandæmonium*, the high Capitol
Of *Satan* and his Peers: Their Summons call'd
From every Band, and squared Regiment
By Place or Choice the worthiest; they anon
With Hundreds and with Thousands trooping
(came
Attended: All access was throng'd, the Gates
And Porches wide, but chief the spacious Hall
(Though like a cover'd Field, where Champions bold
Wont ride in-arm'd, and at the Soldan's Chair
Def'd the best of *Panish* Chivalry
To mortal Combat or Career with Launce)
Thick swarm'd, both on the Ground and in the Air,
Brush'd with the hiss of Rustling Wings. As Bees

Quales vere novo Phæbus per cornua Tauri
Cum vehitur sublimis, apes examine multo
Effudere novos circum præsepia natos :

Illi inter Flores, renovatq; prata vagantes
Mella legunt rorémq; bibunt ; aut affere parvo
Herbarum succis, variisq; saporibus uncto,
Stramineam ante urbem, magno cum marmure, fidunt,
Conciliúmq; vocant, regnq; negotia curant.

Haud secus hi volitant ; sed tecti angustia vexat.

Eccè autem subitum, & dictu mirabile monstrum ;

Námq; dato signo, qui jam Telluris Alummos

Vincebant, veteres ingenti mole Gygantes,

In se subsidunt, spatióq; tenentur in arcto;

Et nunc incedunt Pigmæa gente minores :

Vel quales olim Lemures exire cavernis

Dicuntur, quorum nocturno tempore, sylvam

Rusticus, aut fontem juxta, videt orgia serus ;

In Spring-time, when the Sun with *Taurus* rides,
Pour forth their populous Youth about the Hive
In Clusters ; they among fresh Dews and Flowers
Flie to and fro, or on the smoothed Plank,
The Suburb of their Sraw-built Cittadel,
New rub'd with Baum, expatiate and confer
Their State-Affairs. So thick the airy Crowd
Swarm'd and were straitn'd; till the Signal giv'n,
Behold a Wonder ! They but now who seem'd
In bigness to surpass Earth's Giant Sons
Now less than smallest Dwarfs, in narrow room
Throng numberless, like that *Pigmean* Race
Beyond the *Indian* Mount, or Fairy Elves,
Whose Midnight Revels, by a Forrest side
Or Fountain some belated Peasant sees,

*Aut saltem vidisse putat : Cantûsq; chorûsq;
Intenti exercent illi : Dulcedine capta
Despectat , terræq; magis vicina silentes
Luna movet carrus ; stupefactus rusticus adstans
Lætitiâq; metûq; simul obmutuit amens.*

*Ergo ubi sic illis immensas ponere formas
Visum erat, et minimis sese cohibere figuris;
Quamvis innumeros, jam nunc tamen Aula tenebat,
Estq; loci satîs atq; super. Conclavia longè
Verùm intra secreta Domûs, altûsq; recessus,
Seraphici sedêre duces, et mille cohortum
Ductores , innixi auratis sedibus omnes :
Omnes confessi sese, qualésq; videri
Semidei, quantiq; solent. Tum quando citârunt
Nomine Quémq; suo ; post parva silentia, certo
Ordine consulti, regni de rebus agebant.*

Libri Primi Finis.

Or Dreams he sees, while over-head the Moon
Sits Arbitress, and nearer to the Earth
Wheels her Pale Course, They on their Mirth and
(Dance
Intent, with Jocund Music charm his Ear ;
At once with Joy and Fear his Heart rebounds.
Thus incorporeal Spirits to smallest Forms
Reduc'd their Shapes Immense, and were at large,
Though without Number still amidst the Hall
Of that Infernal Court. But far within,
And in their own Dimensions like themselves
The great Seraphic Lords and Cherubim
In close recess and secret Conclave sat,
A Thousand Demi-Gods on Golden Seats,
Frequent and full. After short silence then
And Summons read, the great Consult began.

The End of the First Book.

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And in their own Dimensions like themselves

Of that Internal Court. But far within,

Though without Number fill amidst the Hall

Reduc'd their Shape, and were as large,

Thus incorporate, mingled Forms

At once with Joy and Fear his Heart rebounds

Intent with Joyous Music charm his Ear;

Which her Pale Countess. They on their Minn and

Sits, and answer to the French

Or Dreams he sees, while over-head the Moon

